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The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2022

Mayor Robert J. Lovero called the Berwyn City Council Regular Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Clerk Paul called the roll. The following Alderpeople were in attendance and present in chambers: Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Ruiz, Arenella, and Carmichael.

- **A.** Attendees rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lovero asked for a moment of silence in celebration of a grandchild born to the family of Tiffany Jones and in support for the safety of our First Responders.
- **B.** Open Forum: Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. The following speakers addressed the City Council:
 - Oswaldo Alvarez and Elva Serna of Chicago Workers Collaborative: Update on community work to educate Berwyn residents regarding COVID-19 prevention and vaccine protection.
 - Kendra Canard and Pastor Christopher Canard introducing the start of their ministry to be located at 7117 Ogden.
 - Members of Berwyn Tree Canopy Initiative asking Alderpeople's to support of compliance with Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City Program and City's Tree Board Ordinance. Copy of remarks submitted for the record.
 - Luz Chavez: Criticism of Cre8tive Vision Group / LabElite COVID testing site practice and City of Berwyn vetting process for COVID testing companies. Copy of remarks submitted for the record.
 - Sandra Diaz and Julie Sanchez of Break the Silence Foundation: Announced a ceremony to celebrate renovation of their foundation's headquarters. Date and Time t/b/d.
 - Mayor Lovero announced the successful sale of city bonds allowing for 100% funding of police and fire pensions.
- **C. Approval of Minutes**: Ald. Lennon made a motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve the January 11, 2022 Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- D. Bid Openings: Nothing submitted for the agenda.
- E. BDC, BPHD, or Berwyn Township: Nothing submitted for the agenda.
- F. Reports from the Mayor: Nothing submitted for the agenda.
- G. Reports from the Clerk: Nothing submitted for the agenda.
- H. Zoning Commission: Nothing submitted for the agenda.
- I. Reports from Aldermen, Committees and Boards: Nothing submitted for the agenda.
- J. Reports from Staff
 - **J-1**: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to authorize Fire Chief Hayes to purchase cabinets from Solid Design, Inc. for \$16,682.56 for Station 901. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
 - J-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to increase rates charged for Fire Department services (Basic Life Support: \$2,017.21, Advanced Life Support 1: \$2,017.21 and Advanced Life Support 2: \$2,466.96) as requested by Chief Hayes and refer the item to the Legal Department to draft the appropriate amendment to the City Ordinance. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-3: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to direct Public Works Director Schiller to accept the \$20,000 Urban & Community Forest Grant and approve the contract with Great Lakes Urban Forestry Management for \$43,790 resulting in a final cost of \$23,790 to the City. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-4: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve Pay Request #5 to Pan Oceanic Engineering for \$1,633,695.97 for the Depot District Utilities project as requested. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-5: Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve the agreement with GW & Associates, P.C. to perform the 2021 City of Berwyn audit for \$68,000. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

K. Consent Agenda (Items K1 through K-3): Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to approve the Consent Agenda (Items K-1 through K-3) by omnibus designation as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Aldermanic Committee / Ward Meetings: Ald. Pabon announced an Ad hoc Rat Abatement Committee meeting on Jan. 27, 2022. Ald. Ruiz announced a Public Works Committee Meeting on February 8, 2022.

There being no further business before the City Council, Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Margaret Paul, Berwyn City Clerk